

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—  
JUNE 6, 2003

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, June 6, 2003, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact Jim Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

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Attachments

# LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY CONFERENCE CALL

**Friday, June 6, 2003**

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## Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Development Branch (WDB)
	California Workforce Investment Board (State Board) Update	David Militzer, State Board
	Funding Update	Bob Hermsmeier, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
	Older Youth Credential Rate Standard	Liz Clingman, WID
	Participation in CWA Board Meeting	Bill Burke, WDB
	Open Discussion	
	Adjourn	

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**Welcome/Hot Topics**— Bill Burke, Workforce Development Branch (WDB).

- Performance Renegotiations—The local goals will be published in an upcoming directive once the State and Department of Labor (DOL) finalize renegotiations on the following Program Year (PY) 2002-03 measures: adult earnings, adult credential rates, and older youth credential rates. If the State is successful in renegotiating the credential rates, then the Local Workforce Investment Area's (LWIA) PY 2002-03 performance goals will be adjusted and reflect those changes. Also, the directive will include information concerning the upcoming PY 2003-04 performance negotiation.

**State Board Update**—David Militzer, State Board.

David Militzer reported on two recent State Board meetings. On May 21, the State Board convened in Sacramento and the following items were discussed.

- The State Board approved their PY 2003-04 Strategic Plan that is now available on the State Board Web site [www.calwia.org/](http://www.calwia.org/).
- The Council of Economic Advisors briefed the State Board on demographic, economic, and wage trends. The Council will make presentations on similar topics at all State Board meetings.
- A Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Task Force was created to deal with WIA reauthorization issues.
- The Labor and Workforce Agency has requested the State Board stay abreast of Rapid Response 25 percent funding decisions and issues. The Employment Development Department and the State Board are currently working closely to define a process that will assure that this occurs.
- The next State Board meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2003, in Sacramento.

The Performance Based Accountability (PBA) Committee met on May 29 in Sacramento. The Committee approved the 4th Annual PBA Report that will be available on the State Board Web site by the end of June.

**Funding Update**—Michael Evashenk and Steve Saxton, Workforce Investment Division (WID).

- Bridge Funding—Rapid Response and 25 percent bridge funding have been approved by the Governor's Office and will be available to all 50 LWIAs before June 30, 2003.
- National Emergency Grant (NEG) Applications—The State submitted two NEG applications totaling \$43 million to serve displaced technology or transportation workers. The DOL is now asking the State to resubmit the applications at a much smaller funding level. The main reason is that DOL looks at unexpended funds as a source for the State to fund this need. The next step is for the State to demonstrate to DOL that the State has used all of the 15 and 25 percent funding. Also, DOL has asked the State to revise the application to include only recent, or soon upcoming, layoffs. During the week of June 9, the Regional Advisors may request some additional information from the LWIAs participating in the application and discuss potential funding reductions.

**Older Youth Credential Rate Standard**—Liz Clingman, WID.

The State has been seriously challenged to meet the Older Youth Employment and Credential Rate under WIA. California has failed the goal for two years and is in jeopardy for a third year. The WIA allows the Secretary of Labor to sanction a state up to five percent of their grant for missing a goal for two consecutive years. The DOL, to date, has not sanctioned California or any other state for missing the employment and credential goals, nor have they suggested that California will be sanctioned; however, continuing to fail the measure puts the State at risk.

In an effort to avoid sanctions, California has requested renegotiation of the Older Youth Employment and Credential Rate for PY 2002-03. Also, in an effort to identify the root of the problem, the State is participating in the DOL Performance Enhancement Project. Liz pointed out that this particular goal would be with the program under the new common measures, so we should not let it drop from the radar screen.

**Participation in California Workforce Association (CWA) Board Meeting**—Bill Burke, WDB.

The following are requested topics for the State to address at the June 27 CWA Meeting in Sacramento:

- The NEG applications update
- Labor market information support of PY 2003-04 including the California Cooperative Occupational Information System
- Data collection on common performance measures versus the current WIA 17 measures

- Planning for handling major critical challenges such as youth and massive unemployment
- The local impact of the Trade Adjustment Act funding major reduction/elimination
- Waiver Requests update